

The *Peas in the Episcopal Church* will be read for the ensuing year, on Monday next, Nov. 5th, at 7 o'clock in the evening, at the Church. All persons wishing seats are respectfully invited to attend.

Fort Wayne, Nov. 3, 1890.

Proposed Improvement of the Yellow River Road.

We are requested to give notice that a meeting of the citizens of Whitley, Kosciusko, and Allen counties will be held at the house of Isaac Taylor, in Union Township, Whitley Co., on Saturday next, the 10th November, to adopt measures for planking some five or six miles of the Yellow River Road, the place known as the Albion Woods.

This is a work that is much needed, and would probably add more to the facilities of travelling, and be the means of bringing more produce to Fort Wayne than any work of similar extent which could be constructed. The remainder of the road between this place and Warsaw, we are informed, is tolerably good, while in the place proposed to be improved it is almost impassable. A plank road for 5 or 6 miles could not cost more than \$20,000 to \$30,000, and would doubtless be a profitable investment. The facilities it would afford the farmers of Kosciusko in bringing their produce to market would be worth more to them than the cost of the improvement, and would at the same time by making them accessible to market, greatly enhance the value of their farms.

We trust our citizens will feel a proper interest in the matter, and take steps to have Allen County fully represented at the proposed meeting.

Living Plank Road.—On Wednesday last, in company with the President and Directors of the Living Plank Road, and several other citizens, we took an excursion on the road as far as Hunkerstown. We have, as our readers are aware, always been a strong advocate for this kind of road, believing it better adapted to the wants of this community than any other; and our trip has fully confirmed our opinion. Nothing can be more pleasant and agreeable than to travel on such a road, and to such as have been used to the jarring and jolting of our common roads, the ease and safety of travelling on the plank road is absolutely delightful. The Living Road is a single track, the planks eight feet long, and the single track on one side of an equal height with the plank for the purpose of turning off on a passing car. Many apprehended that the clay part of the road would get up and rattle and turn off on it without danger of being dented. These fears, we were pleased to notice, were entirely groundless. There is not the least difficulty even now while the road is new, and when the earth becomes settled and solid it will be still better. We would advise those who are in the least sceptical on the subject, and all who wish a pleasant ride, to take a trip on the Plank Road. A ride to Hunkerstown, on this road, is just about far enough for a pleasure jaunt, and those who are in search of recreation, as well as the travelling community generally, will find the Hunkerstown on Hunkerstown one of the best regulated and most comfortable hotels in the country, and its landlord (our old friend J. BAYLESS HAYNES) one of the most accommodating and clever fellows in creation.

Whole-Sale Swindling.—We learn by the *Lafayette Journal*, that certain produce operators have been buying up wheat in that region and paying for it in notes on the Susquehanna (Pa.) Bank. It is estimated that from ten to twenty thousand dollars of the worth less trash is now in the hands of the farmers of Tippecanoe Co., given to them in exchange for their produce. The bank having "fallen" on its destiny, has now failed, and the notes in the hands of the unsuspecting farmers are entirely worthless. The Journal does not give the names of the parties engaged in this infamous swindle. They ought to be held up to the scorn and execration of every honest man in the community; and if the Tippecanoe Circuit Court will not take cognizance of their offenses, the case should be forthwith referred to the impartial tribunal of Judge Lynch, who would doubtless administer ample justice to the offenders.

Thompson in his Bank Note Reporter of the 25th ult. cautions the public against receiving the notes of this *Susquehanna Bank*. He also thinks it would be better to "refuse or change off for safer money" the notes of the *Susquehanna Bank*, Maryland.

Exchange Bank, Washington, D. C. **State Bank** at Morris, New Jersey. **James' Bank**, Jamestown, N. York.

The Telegraph.—Much complaint has been made of the irregularity of the telegraph on this line, and the frequent interruptions which have been experienced in its communications. A combined attempt appears to have been made in several places along the line to fasten the blame of these interruptions on the office at this place. But the operator Mr. G. W. Wood, has, in the last time, fully exonerated himself from the charge, and shown that every thing that has been done here that could be, to keep the line in working order, and if there has been remissions on the part of any of the operators, it has been at some other point than Fort Wayne.

By a letter from Mr. Delano, the superintendent of the line, it appears that the prime cause of the trouble is now ascertained to be in the northern insulators which were used on this line instead of glass. These insulators do not bear exposure to the weather, and when the glazing cracks off they are of little or no service. Mr. Delano writes that they will be replaced by glass insulators as early as practicable.

Propeller Sunk.—The Propeller *Obbe*, with a cargo valued at one hundred thousand dollars, sank near point Abato. The loss on cargo was covered by insurance. The boat was insured at \$15,000.

In the list of those who had goods on board we notice the names of Messrs. Townleys, and F. & J. Nirdlinger of this city.

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Information Wanted.—Most anxiously of Mr. George Pratt, Newspaper Agent in New York, who is indebted to the Golden Democrat to the amount of Eighteen Dollars for the advertising of the Married Women's Rights Medical Campaign and a highly exciting and profitable cause. Should this meet his eye, he will please let us hear, and thus save the health of some of our hungry creditors.

California Gold.—The total amount of California Gold received at the Philadelphia Mint up to the present time is about \$3,100,000. The whole amount now at the Mint will be coined in about three weeks.

The American Art Union.—This is an institution in New York designed for the promotion of the fine arts in the United States. Every subscriber of Five Dollars becomes a member for the year. The funds are annually expended in the production of one large splendid engraving, and a series of smaller ones, and in the purchase of paintings, sculpture, medals, and other works of art.

Every member is entitled to a copy of the engravings, and all the pictures, sculpture, etc., purchased are annually divided by lot among the members, who thus receive the full value of their subscriptions. The Rev. J. S. Lanoie is honorary secretary for this country, and will receive subscriptions.

To the Friends of the American Art Union.—The current year of the institution is drawing to a close, and the highest interest attaches to all who intend to subscribe should do so immediately in order that the committee may make a judicious investment of the receipts. We have set forth in another part of this number, the good which the society has already accomplished. We trust that this consideration of those who have participated and the country and its citizens to curl themselves at once upon the list of members. Every one must see how desirable it is, that the number of subscribers should not be less than 100. The Managers, thus far, have no reason to expect such a result, but every thing must depend on the promptness and liberality of the friends of Art. Although there is no much to be feared, it is well to call for the attention, so closely as the hour pictures of a *Voyage of Life*, it is, notwithstanding, true, that the chance of obtaining a painting of the first class is much more favorable the present year than it was the last. The number of high class pictures will be distributed. The chances of all the works to be distributed will be higher. The inducement, in every way for becoming a subscriber, are greatly superior now to those before presented. Among the pictures to be drawn for, is the excellent work of Mr. Gray's "The Wages of War," the cost of which was \$1,000. "The Attitude of Strife," by Leconte, painted upon a commission for the Society, for \$1,000, and H. Langdon's "Mary at the Sepulchre," the price of which was \$1,200. There are eight other pictures, by Darsard, Gray, White, Douglas, Lums, Wenzler, Edmunds and Rothwell, the average cost of which was about \$800. There are very many others, at prices varying from \$200 to \$500 and numerous works at smaller prices, some of them beautiful and highly finished etchings by the most distinguished artists. New paintings will be constantly added. Let it be remembered also that twenty copies in bronze from a superb statue by Brown, representing a "Young Indian Hunter," and two hundred and fifty bronze models of Gold Tremblay, will be included in the distribution. Each member will also be entitled to a choice engraving on steel by Smith from the second and most excellent of the series of the "Voyage of Life," and a set of six engravings by Darley, illustrating "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," and is finished in the same style as the Rip Van Winkle, which has been so much admired. Residents of New York who require no pay for subscriptions at the State and all others at the office of the Secretary—Art Union Magazine.

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When remains here at Toledo prices. Prices this week have ranged from 75 to 85 cents. The arrivals have been large. The Toledo Blade of Wednesday says that there were no sales of wheat that day, but that 80 cents were about the price it would command for this week.

New York, Nov. 1.—Flour, new western, 5 00 a 5 15; Pure Genesee 6 18 a 5 21; Genesee Wheat 1 30. Buffalo, Nov. 1.—Flour 4 37 a 5 50; Corn 60.

TO THE LOVERS OF THE FINE ARTS. THE AMERICAN ART UNION will in a few weeks distribute by mail to its members a set of 100 to 150 magnificent paintings, of splendidly finished, besides 200 bronze statues, several hundred medals, and other valuable works of art. One of two paintings to be distributed cost \$1500, another \$1200, another \$1000; several \$5

